



Executive Secretary Report

Colonel(S) Roger L. Gibson



Board Status

- Designated Federal Official
 - Ms. Ellen P. Embrey
- Board President
 - Dr. Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D.
- Current Membership
 - Eighteen Appointed Members
 - One appointment decision pending from 2002
 - Eight appointment decisions pending from 2003
 - Four Appointed Consultants



Member Status

- Expected Rotation
 - Three - 3rd Qtr FY 05
 - Dr. Ostroff, Dr. Herbold and Dr. Shanahan
 - One - 4th Qtr FY 05
 - Dr. Atkins
 - Three - 1st Qtr FY 06
 - Dr. Cline, Dr. Patrick and Dr. Forster
 - Zero - 2nd Qtr FY 06
 - Five – 3rd Qtr FY 06
 - Dr. Gray, Dr. LeMasters, Dr. Malmud, Dr. Morris, Dr. Poland



Charter and Budget Update

- Budget Increase Approved
- Revised Charter Approved
 - Reflecting Increased Budget
- Increase from Three to Four Meetings/Year
 - Proposed Schedule
 - Second Tuesday and Wednesday:
 - March, June, and September
 - First Tuesday and Wed:
 - December



Appointment Decisions Pending

- Pending from 2002

- Dr. Ness Disease Control

- Pending from 2003

- Dr. Breslau/Dr. Ananth/
Dr. Sherwin Health Promotion and Maintenance
 - Dr. Lednar/Dr. Ducatman Environmental and Occupational
 - Dr. Berns/Dr. Oxman/Dr. Ennis Disease Control



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Infectious Disease Prevention and Control**
 - Dr. Stephen M. Ostroff, Chair
 - Dr. Barnett Cline, Member
 - Dr. Gregory C. Gray, Member
 - Dr. Gregory A. Poland, Member
 - Dr. John Glen Morris, Jr., Member
 - Dr. Michael Parkinson, Member
 - Dr. Jacqueline Cattani, Consultant
 - Dr. Pierce Gardner, Consultant - Vaccines



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Environmental and Occupational Health**
 - Dr. John Herbold, Chair
 - Dr. William Halperin, Member
 - Dr. Grace Lemasters, Member
 - Dr. Tamara Lauder, Member
 - Dr. Leon Malmud, Member
 - Dr. Dennis Shanahan, Member
 - Dr. David Savitz, Member
 - Dr. Shamoo, Ethics Consultant



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Health Promotion and Maintenance**
 - Dr. David Atkins, Chair
 - Dr. Kevin Patrick, Member
 - Dr. Jean Forster, Member
 - Dr. Dan Blazer, Member
 - Dr. Susan Baker, Member
 - Dr. Julian Haywood, Consultant



FY 2004 Meeting Schedule

- Recurring Board Meetings
 - February – Air Force Special Operations Command
Fort Walton Beach, FL
 - May – Frederick, MD
 - September – Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX
 - December – TBD
- Public Health Advisory Board – DoD Deployment Health Centers
 - February 16, 2004 – Fort Walton Beach, FL
- Global Emerging Infections System Program Review
 - March 3 – 4, 2004 – Atlanta, GA
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – Mefloquine Study Options
 - April 12, 2004 – Alexandria, VA
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – Smallpox Vaccine
 - Monthly teleconferences



FY 2004

Recommendations

- 05 – Centers for Deployment Health Public Health Advisory Board
- 04 - Multiple Concurrent Immunizations and Safety Concerns
- 03 - Sentinel Case Review
- 02 - Population Health Improvement Metrics
- 01 - Periodic Report - DoD Smallpox Vaccination Program Evaluation

Pending

- Review of Medically Related Fatalities in OIF
- Mefloquine Study Design Options
- DoD Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System



Current Question Before the Board

Mefloquine Study Options: Consider and recommend the most scientifically valid approaches to two study questions:

- What are the comparison rates of adverse events (including neuropsychiatric) among deployed service members using mefloquine, versus doxycycline, or no antimalarial medication?
- What are the attributable risk factors (including mefloquine) for suicide among deployed and recently redeployed service members?



Discussion/Recommendations

- Remembrance of Deceased Members
 - Memorial scholarship fund in Dr. Shope's honor
 - “AFEB Greats” Web Page
 - Eulogies for Dr. Shope, Dr. Benenson
 - Criteria
 - AFEB Permanent Display
 - Uniformed Services Health Sciences University
 - Design suggestions

Questions

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Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) serves as a continuing scientific advisory body to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the military Surgeons General.

The AFEB provides timely scientific and professional advice concerning operational programs, policy development, and research needs for the prevention of disease and injury and the promotion of health.

The AFEB under the [Executive Agency](#) of the Army is [chartered](#) by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Army. The Board is a continuing scientific advisory committee under Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Department of Defense Directive 5105.3, the "DoD Federal Advisory Committee Management Program," and other implementing directives governing Federal Advisory Committees.

